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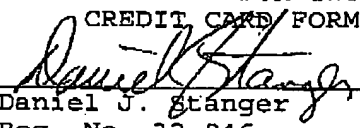
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In RE application of K. ANAZAWA et al.

Serial No.: 10/078,347

Group Art Unit: 1754

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Examiner: P. LISH

For: RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE DECONTAMINATION METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

July 19, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows. A
Petition and fee for a Two-month Extension of Time accompanies
this response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 1-8 and Claim 14 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A radioactive substance
decontamination apparatus for decontaminating a metal member
contaminated by a radioactive substance using a reducing
decontamination agent, comprising:

multiple reducing decontamination tanks having different